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Keith C. Ferdinand, MD, is a Clinical Professor in the cardiology division at Emory University, an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and Chief Science Officer of the Association of Black Cardiologists. He previously was the Medical Director of Heartbeats Life Center, and Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Xavier University College of Pharmacy in New Orleans. In the community, Dr. Ferdinand was the principal investigator of the Healthy Heart Community Projects, a cardiovascular risk program targeting African American and other high-risk populations. Healthy Heart is a nationally recognized model for community-based health screening and intervention. He was host and producer of "Health Issues 2000," a community cable talk show, and previously produced "You and Your Health," a local radio talk show in New Orleans.

Dr. Ferdinand was a member of the ALLHAT Data Safety and Monitoring Board and chair of Section Four of the Sixth Report of the Joint National Committee. He was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Populations for the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), and a member of the National High Blood Pressure Education Program Coordinating Committee. He was director of the NHLBI Physician's Health Network, a program that educated physicians and the lay population on cardiovascular risk reduction.

He is past president and former member of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, past president of the Orleans Division of the American Heart Association, and past chair of the Board of Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.

Dr. Ferdinand received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, a diplomat certified in the subspecialty of nuclear cardiology, an American Society of Hypertension certified specialist in clinical hypertension, and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, the National Lipid Association and the American Society of Hypertension. Dr. Ferdinand has written for *Cardiology Clinics*, *Annual of Drug Therapy*, and *Cardiovascular Diseases in Blacks*. Dr. Ferdinand is Editor-in-Chief of the 2009 Educational Review Manual in Cardiovascular Disease (Castle Connolly). He is co-author of *Overcoming Katrina African American Voices from the Crescent City and Beyond* (Palgrave McMillan 2009), a collection of 27 oral histories. He also is co-editor of *Cardiovascular Disease in Racial & Ethnic Minorities* (Humana Press 2009).